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Title : CACHING SIGNATURES

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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.78(A) TO CORRECT A BENEFIT CLAIM OF  
PRIORITY AFTER FILING**

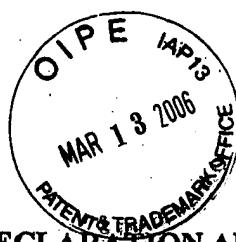
Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.78(a) and in response to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2005, Applicant hereby petitions to correct the claim of priority. The application was originally filed improperly claiming priority to only the earliest priority date (for U.S. Application No. 08/630,846, filed April 11, 1996). The claim for priority to the pending parent application, Application No. 09/371,208, filed August 10, 1999, was erroneously omitted. Applicant submits that the error was unintentional and requests that the proper claim to priority be entered in the instant application. An amendment correcting the specification and a supplemental declaration are being filed concurrently herewith to support the correction.

Enclosed is a check for \$130 to cover the fee of 37 CFR §1.17(t) for this petition. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled CACHING SIGNATURES, the specification of which:

- is attached hereto.  
 was filed on June 5, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/873,272 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
 was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

U.S. Serial No.	Filing Date	Status
08/630,846	April 11, 1996	Issued
09/371,208	August 10, 1999	Issued

I hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

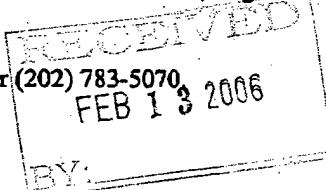
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